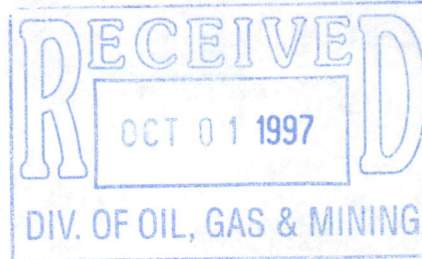




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Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have received and reviewed your amended Plan of Operations and we are waiting for Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining to assess the reclamation cost estimate before a determination of completeness can be made. We have made changes in the environmental assessment based on the revised plan. When we hear from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, we can then release the environmental assessment in its final form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons of my staff at 801-636-3639.

Sincerely,

Assistant Area Manager

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